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SUBJECT: OECD AGRICULTURE MINISTERIAL APRIL 11-13

PASS: AGRICULTURE FOR BRUNTHAVER AND LOANES

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1. THIS INTERIM REPLY TO REFTEL. SECRETARIAT WILL BE
CONFERRING WITH AMBASSADOR OCKRENT OF BELGIUM WHO IS
CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF GROUP OF EC PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES
TO OECD RE POSSIBILITY OF EC MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE
MEETING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 9-10 INTERFERING WITH
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ATTENDANCE OF MINISTERS AT OECD MINISTERIAL ON APRIL 11-13. IT IS EXPECTED OCKRENT WILL CONTACT BELGIAN MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WHO WILL BE CHAIRING EC MEETING ON APRIL 9-10.

2. AT PRESENT INDICATIONS ARE THAT VIRTUALLY ALL OECD MEMBERS INTEND TO BE REPRESENTED BY MINISTERS AT OECD MINISTERIAL. THIS INCLUDES DEFINITE ASSURANCES THAT MINISTERS FROM UK, GERMANY AND ITALY WILL ATTEND. ALSO AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND CANADA DEFINITELY SENDING MINISTERS PLUS JAPAN WHICH WILL BE REPRESENTED BY DEPUTY MINISTERS. IT DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY EC WOULD WISH EM-BARRASSING THESE GOVERNMENTS, AS WELL AS U. S., WHOSE REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE TRAVELLING LONG DISTANCES BY FAILURE OF MINISTERS OF EC STATES TO ATTEND OECD MEETING.

3. MISSION WILL BE ADVISING FURTHER ON SUBJECT REFTTEL. AT LATEST SITUATION SHOULD BE CLARIFIED DURING OECD COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE MEETING MARCH 22-23. IN MEANTIME MISSION WOULD RECOMMEND PROCEEDING WITH PLANS FOR SECRETARY BUTZ TO ATTEND MINISTERIAL. BROWN UNQUOTE ROGERS

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